

## Texas Representative Roberto R. Alonzo's



## Capitol Report



## The City of Dallas Home Repair Programs

The City of Dallas Housing/Community Services Department provides a number of services that strengthen communities, increase availability of affordable housing opportunities, and support neighborhood preservation/revitalization efforts. Specifically, the department's Home Repair Program strives to preserve and restore the existing stock for low income homeowners in the city of Dallas. The program provides assistance to homeowners for the repair and reconstruction of homes.

### Who Qualifies for the Home Repair Program?

Residents located in the Dallas city limits:

- Who are purchasing or own their homes for at least 2 years
- With household income less than the Applicable Median Family Income (AMFI) income limits
- Who pay their property taxes and have current insurance
- With valid deeds

### Is this a loan or a grant?

- The Major Systems Repair Program (MSRP) provides a deferred loan, up to \$17,500, for major systems repairs from the following: electrical, plumbing, HVAC and roof
- The Home Reconstruction Program provides a no-interest deferred payment loan, up to \$103,000, for demolition costs of structures beyond repair and on-site reconstruction of a new home.

**"Home repair and reconstruction efforts are crucial to ensuring the safety of our community members, as well as the long term value of the community,"** stated Rep. Roberto Alonzo.

Please call (214) 670-3644 to be added to the contact list and begin the eligibility process. Or visit:  
<http://dallascityhall.com/departments/housingcommunityservices/Pages/HomeRepair.aspx>



## Texas Business Conference: Irving-Area

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) invites Irving-area employers, human resource professionals, business owners and managers to the Texas Business Conference employment law update on Friday, September 11th. The conference is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas, located at 500 West Las Colinas Blvd. Irving, TX 75039.

The conference will provide valuable information for employers and business owners concerning the legal issues associated with operating a business in Texas. Seminar topics typically include:

- Texas Employment Law and the Basics of Hiring
- Federal and Texas Wage and Hour Law
- Unemployment Claim and Appeal Process
- Independent Contractors
- Employee Policy Handbooks

Attendees may check in from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. The cost to attend is \$99 per person and is nonrefundable. Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible, and may register online or download a registration form at the Texas Business Conference web page.

## ERS Honors Rep. Alonzo As Legislator of the Year



The Texas Employee Retirement system, largest state employee association, honored Rep. Alonzo as Legislator of the Year for his leadership in preserving the ERS pension fund. Rep. Alonzo, along with Rep. Flynn, were honored at the TPEA Awards Luncheon July 18 at the Holiday Inn-Town Lake in Austin. These two legislators distinguished themselves in the eyes of the association for their leadership role in addressing the unfunded liabilities of the ERS pension fund through the authorship and passage of House Bill 9.

**"As vice chair of the House Pensions Committee, it was a top priority to find a solution that both preserved these valuable benefits for state employees and put the Employees Retirement System on the path to actuarial soundness,"** stated Rep. Alonzo.